MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Can the Government say how long it was there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Appointment of members of depressed classes in the P. W. Department.

144. MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the number of members of the depressed classes employed in the P. W. Department during 1100 to 1104;

(*b*) the number of applications received from the members of the depressed classes during the years 1100 to 1104; and

(*c*) the number of members of the depressed classes who were appointed during the years 1100 to 1104?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*). A statement * showing the appointment of members of depressed classes in the P. W. Department during the years 1100-1104, is laid on the table.

Appointment of a Commissioner for enquiry into Laws' Delays.

145. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what action they have taken with regard to the proposal to appoint a Commissioner for enquiry into Laws' Delays in Travancore;

(*b*) why the matter was pending so long without any definite action being taken in the matter; and

(*c*) whether the delay is due to the difficulty of selecting a proper person to be appointed as the Commissioner?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Provision on account of the Commissioner for enquiry into Laws' Delays in Civil Courts and the necessary staff, has been made in the budget for 1105.

(*b*) Definite action is being taken.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, may I know the six months' history of the "definite action" taken on the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are various stages in the consideration of the question. It was always under consideration. The subject matter was engaging Government's attention.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The answer is that action was being taken—

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): *Is* being taken.

* *Vide* Appendix X—page 392.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know the various points or aspects from which that question is being considered by the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot give in exact terms what they are.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Even conceding that the question is being considered from various aspects, may I know one aspect which has been definitely decided?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It has been decided that there should be a Commissioner.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The legislature decided that. Has no other matter been decided?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Other matters have been engaging the attention of Government.

Applications for Government appointments from teachers of Grant-in-aid Schools.

146. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of teachers of private Grant-in-aid English Middle Schools who applied for appointments under Government during the last three years (1102-1104); and

(*b*) whether anybody has been appointed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Government consider that the collection of the information required by the member will not serve any useful purpose as there are no chances at present for their appointment in the Departmental Schools, in view of the fact that there are a good number of hands who have acted or are supernumeraries, to be provided for first.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇപ്പോൾ എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ എത്ര ഒഴിവുകൾ ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറയാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I wish to know wether it is a supplementary question?

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): പകരം നോക്കിയവരേയും സൂപ്പർന്യൂമററിയായിട്ടുള്ളവരേയും സ്ഥിരപ്പെടുത്തിയതിനു മേൽമാത്രമെ ഗ്രാൻറ്സ്കളിൽനിന്നും അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാരെ എടുക്കയുള്ളു എന്നു പറയുന്നു. അങ്ങിനെ എത്ര ഒഴിവുകൾ ഉണ്ട്?

PRESIDENT: What is it you ask—the number of teachers who have applied?

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Yes.

PRESIDENT: How does it arise?

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